

To: Almond Handlers, TRAC Committee, AQFS Committee

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Subject: Phytosanitary Certificates Not Required for EU Destinations

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Dear Industry Members,

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the USDA has published a [GAIN report](#) providing clarification to the phytosanitary certificate requirement for consignments being exported to the European Union. USDA/APHIS consulted with the European Commission and several EU Member States. It was confirmed that phytosanitary certificates for almonds were **not required** per COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 which specifies the special requirements for various plants and plant products. ([click here](#) for full text) Almonds (*prunus dulcis*) and several other tree nuts are **not** on the list of special requirements and therefore do not require a phytosanitary certificate.

EU importers may still need a certificate if they plan to re-export these nuts to other markets outside the EU, that require a phytosanitary certificate. The ABC strongly advises exporters work closely with their buyers and USDA/APHIS to understand all importing requirements.

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